



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Michael Epstein

For: Biometric Identification Mechanism That Preserves the Integrity
of the Biometric Information

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 25, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 12, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the following claims as indicated, noting that all pending, non-withdrawn claims are included herein for the convenience and efficiency of examination, and that only those claims so indicated as amended are being amended herein:

1. (AMENDED) A security token comprising:

at a biometric sensor that provides a first biometric key of a current user of the security token, based upon a biometric measure of the current user,